

## AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

## MRS. WILLETT GETS HER DIVORCE.

A decree of absolute divorce was granted by Judge Clement, in the City Court, yesterday, to Mrs. Carrie A. Willett from William Willett. The co-respondent in the case was Miss Annie Ryan, one of the victims of a railroad accident to a sleighing party at Passaic, N. J., a few weeks ago. The principal evidence against Willett was given by E. G. Hammond, a private detective. In his defence Willett alleged a conspiracy between his wife and the girl, but the court did not believe his story. Alimony and custody of his child were granted to the plaintiff.

## STILL INVESTIGATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Another session of the Fire Department Investigating Commission was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Building. Alexander E. Orr, president, presided. L. Watson, telegraph superintendent of the Fire Department, gave evidence in regard to the fire telegraph wires and alarm boxes, and the arrangements made for the speedy transmission of all signals.

## ACCUSERS REFUSE TO TESTIFY.

The Protestant clergy of North Brooklyn who met on Monday at St. Matthew's Church, at Throop-avenue, and Pulaski-st., to examine into the charges made public by Messrs. Bruckhauser, Wolf and Himmeyer, did not hold the court of inquiry yesterday, as expected, in consequence of the refusal of the accusers of the Rev. H. F. Bernhart to substantiate the charges. The accusers refused to testify before the court of inquiry headed by the archdeacon of the diocese, because, as they said, the court was not of competent jurisdiction, and had no right to pass upon charges made.

## AN EX-CONVICT SUES FOR DAMAGES.

A suit has been begun by Dietrich Ahrens to recover \$50,000 from the County of Kings and the Williams & Martin Chair Company as damages for personal injuries received while working as a convict in the penitentiary. He was set at work in the chair-shop of the Williams & Martin Company, and was in charge of a machine. While at work the knives of the machine slipped, and his wrist was cut so that his hand and arm were rendered useless permanently. He is now free and claims damages on the ground that the county had no right to put him at dangerous work.

## A LETTER-CARRIER BITTEN BY DOGS.

While a letter-carrier, named William F. Hill, who lives at No. 409 Huncuck-st., was delivering mail at the house of Michael Walsh, at No. 982 Dugan-st., on Monday afternoon, he was set upon by four fierce curs belonging to a shoemaker. In the struggle with them Hill fell in a snowdrift, and the dogs tore his clothing and bit him in several places before he could rise and get away. His most serious wound was on the inside of the left leg below the knee. The cries of the unfortunate man brought assistance. A policeman was sent to kill the dogs after Hill's story had been told, but the wife of the owner refused to let him do it, and an order will be secured from a police justice for their destruction. Hill was able to limp over his route yesterday.

## GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

The funeral of ex-Police Commissioner Oliver H. Leich, who died on Friday, took place yesterday afternoon at the Church of St. Thomas, at Cooper and Bushwick ayes. The burial was in Evergreens Cemetery.

Drunkness on duty led to the dismissal of four policemen yesterday.

A number of cars of a new and improved pattern have been ordered for use on the electric line in De Kalb-ave.

Mrs. Augusta E. Riker is seeking to have her marriage to William I. Riker annulled, on the ground that she was deceived by him with a locus decree of divorce, which he said had been granted to her by the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey. They were married in New-Brunswick, N. J., in 1888, and in 1890 he left her and went to New-Mexico, where he is a telegraph operator.

There will be a parade of volunteer firemen in some of the principal streets to-day, starting at Henry-st., and Second Place at 11 a. m. The Mayor will review the procession.

The Brooklyn Institute will hold its annual celebration of Washington's Birthday, according to the provisions of the will of Augustus Graham, this evening, and the meeting will be made a memorial to George Washington, who died before the institute a year ago on Lowell. The Rev. John W. Chadwick will deliver the memorial address, and A. E. Palmer will read Lowell's poem entitled "An Epistle to George Washington."

## NO PUBLIC HEARING ON RAPID TRANSIT.

A large crowd of property owners, people with schemes for improved rapid transit and others, went to the office of the Rapid Transit Commission yesterday afternoon, expecting that there would be a meeting of the Commission. Commissioners Inman, Martin, Spencer and Bushe were present. After a short conference they announced that there would be no public hearing. They then held an executive session. Commissioner Bushe said that the commissioners would meet Mr. Steinway at his house some time during the week, when a report will probably be made public.

Lawson N. Fuller, who was present, said that the Washington Heights Taxpayers' Association and the other organizations he represents had decided that they would not continue their agitation for a road up the Boulevard. They had arrived at this decision on account of the formidable opposition of property owners on the Boulevard to an elevated road in that thoroughfare. Mr. Fuller said that instead of forcing an extension of the Manhattan up the Boulevard he would now for such an extension through Fifty-third-st., to Tenafly-ave, up Tenafly-ave, to One-hundred and Sixty-second-st., thence west to Kingsbridge Road, and up to Kingsbridge. The commission will hold a public hearing on Friday in their office at No. 22 William-st.

## A FUEL TO BE USED WITH CARE.

The Health Board yesterday received the following report from Edward W. Martin, chemist, on the dangers arising from the use of fuel carbonite in a stove unprovided with means to carry off the gases produced:

"The gases resulting from the burning of carbonite are mainly carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, in the proportion of fifty to one. A pound of carbonite when burned will produce about one-half a cubic foot of carbon monoxide, and about twenty cubic feet of carbon dioxide. In my report of January 18 upon this subject I stated that, in my opinion, the use of any fuel in a stove unprovided with suitable means to remove the smoke and gases produced might become dangerous to health and life. I still am of that opinion. The whole question as to the danger from the use of carbonite, or any fuel in the manner described, is that of first, ventilation; second, size of the room."

"The experiments made lead me to conclude that when the fuel in question is burned in a badly ventilated room it is detrimental to health, and when burned in a well ventilated room it is not. But notwithstanding or in addition to the use of the fuel would make it a dangerous material for domestic uses."

An interesting collection of paintings and studies by the Masters of 1830 and the Barbizon school, belonging to Robert J. Wickenden, was sold at the American Art Galleries, No. 6 East Twenty-third-st., last night, by Thomas E. Kirby, the auctioneer. There was a small attendance, and moderate prices prevailed. "The Little Washerwoman," by Theodore Rousseau, brought \$10. "Bartholomew's Feast," by Narcisse V. Diaz, brought \$200. "The Plain of Barizon at Twilight," by Theodore Rousseau, was run up to \$750, and "An Autumn Landscape," by Diaz, was sold for \$700. Other paintings disposed of were: "Autumn Landscape," Constant Truon, \$600; "Paris, from near Montmartre," \$225.

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**CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THE NEW SITE.** Nearly a thousand students of the College of the City of New-York met in the college chapel yesterday morning to discuss the merits of the bill now before the Legislature providing for the purchase of a new site for the college and for the erection of the buildings thereon. John D. Haney, of the class of '93, presided. Remarks were made by Mr. Haney, Samuel Weinhammer, Dean Emory, Edgar J. Kohler, Moses S. Levinson and Walter Timme, of the senior class, and a petition was drawn up to circulate for signatures urging the Legislature to pass the bill.

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## Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

# Royal Baking Powder

## ABSOLUTELY PURE

## HOME NEWS.

## PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ALBEMARLE—Dr. von Holsten, German Minister to Washington. FIFTH AVENUE—Stephen B. Edkins, Secretary of War. GLENEY—Judge George B. Bradley, of the New-York Supreme Court. HOFFMAN—Congressman W. Bourke Cockran. HOLLAND—Senator General Charles H. Aldrich, of Washington, D. C. 341 BRAY HILL—Ex-Congressman Carlos French, of Connecticut. WINDSOR—Henry Phipps, Jr., of Pittsburg.

## WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Rising American flag on steamship New York. Dog Show, Madison Square Garden. Dog Show, Madison Square Garden. Dog Show, Madison Square Garden.

Parade of Exempt Firemen in New-York and Brooklyn. 9 a. m. Young People's Conference, First Reformed Church, 10-20 a. m. Society of the Cincinnati, Delmonico's, 5 p. m. Knickerbocker Bowling Club, No. 212 West Forty-first-st., 3 p. m.

Annual review and presentation 8th Regiment, Armory, 3 p. m. Lebon Hospital dedication, Westchester-ave, and one-hundred-and-fiftieth-st., 3 p. m. Veteran Association, 1st New-York Mounted Rifles, dinner, Beethoven Hall, 7 p. m.

Underhill Society, Friends' Meeting House, 2:30 p. m. Sons of the Revolution celebration, Delmonico's, evening. American Spanish Club dinner, Hotel Bartholdi, 8 p. m. Typographical Union No. 6 hall, Lenox Lyceum, evening.

Young Men's Democratic Club, No. 44 Court-st., Brooklyn, 8 p. m. Catholic Protective celebration, Van Nest. Catholic Club exhibition.

Exhibition of art books, Young Men's Christian Association library, 2 to 7 p. m. Cycling Club reception, Broadway and Fifty-seventh-st., 3 p. m.

Lecture by Professor Rickmore, Museum of Natural History, 3:30 p. m. Washington dinner, officers 71st Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y. Hotel Savoy, 7 o'clock.

Prohibitionists' dinner, Columbia, 7 p. m. Vegetarian Society, No. 6 University Place, 7:30 p. m. Presentation of Swift Medal, Postoffice.

Baptist Boys' Brigade celebration, Central Baptist Church, 11 a. m. Annual dinner of the Tenth Club, No. 27 Grove-st., 7 p. m.

## NEW-YORK CITY.

George W. Nisbett, the clerk of the Royal Fire Insurance Company who forged a check on the Merchants' National Bank for \$80,000, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by Judge Cowing in General Sessions yesterday. The case of Dawes E. Sturds, the boy who tried to have the check cashed, will come up on Monday.

The steamer City of Atlanta, which was in part burned in the East River, was sold for salvage by United States Marshal Jacobus yesterday. Lewis and Edward Luckenbach bought her for \$7,100. They will make a coalboat of her.

All of yesterday was spent in Part III of General Sessions by ex-Judge George M. Curtis in summarizing up the case for the defence in the trial of Colonel W. B. Hayes for perjury. Assistant District Attorney Weeks will make his address to-morrow.

Judge Cowing in General Sessions yesterday dismissed the indictment for attempted suicide against Mrs. Rita Harrington, thirty-two years old, of No. 18 West One-hundred-and-fiftieth-st., December 31, who shot herself in the left breast. Affidavits were submitted by her friends to show that she was insane at the time.

John B. Perry, although he is not a lawyer, defended himself in General Sessions yesterday when placed on trial charged with stealing a watch and chain from Mrs. Marion De Long. The complainant is a canvasser for Charles Scribner's Sons, and lives at No. 238 East One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st.

Perry defended himself so well that the jury acquitted him.

"Sarah K. Baldwin."—The Tribune is unable to inform you whether you are entitled to a pension or not, and can only advise you to write out a full statement of the merits of your claim and forward it to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., who will give you the official information.

A cable dispatch was received in this city yesterday from Italy stating that the crop of Mediterranean oranges would be about 40 per cent less than last year's production. This information created some consternation among the fruit dealers. President Edward Ruhlman, of the New-York Fruit Exchange, however, said that he had received positive information from Italy to the effect that the Italian oranges had not been damaged by frost, and that the supply would be about the same as last season.

James M. Guilfoyle has been removed by the Treasury Department from his post as an examiner in the fifth or wooden division at the Appraiser's Stores, on the ground of incompetency. He has held the place for many years.

Miss C. M. Garrett, of No. 56 East Eleventh-st., makes an appeal for Mrs. Donohue, a blind widow, who for twenty years kept a newspaper stand in Fourteenth-ave, just below the Park Avenue Hotel, and who, owing to ill health, has been obliged to move into the little shop at No. 470 Fourteenth-ave. Miss Garrett asks for contributions to purchase stationery and toys for Mrs. Donohue, which she will sell.

The 11:20 p. m. steamer leaving Pier Slip, Pier No. 25, East River, for New-Haven, Conn., will omit its trip on Washington's Birthday. The 3 p. m. steamer will run the same as usual.

A public hearing upon the proposed ordinance to compel vehicles of all kinds to display lights at night and establishing substations near the elevated street was given by the Aldermen's Law Committee yesterday. The City Improvement Society was represented by J. Edward Weld and J. W. De Jonge, who advocated the ordinance. C. B. Mason, of the Opera Stables, in East Thirty-second-st., and A. Markert, an East Twenty-fourth-st. stable-owner, opposed them. The committee closed the hearing.

A memorial mass for the dead members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be celebrated by Monaghan Parry at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10:30 a. m. to-day. Bishops J. Farrell, of Trenton, will preach, and Archbishop Corrigan will be present.

The prohibition party of New York and Kings County will have a dinner at No. 48 East Fourteenth-st., at 7 o'clock to-night. William T. Wardwell will be toastmaster, and the following will respond to toasts: William Jennings Denison, James H. Laird, Dr. M. Downing, Mrs. H. S. Pittcher, Judge S. B. Ransom, William Jay Gros, Coleridge A. Hart, Robert J. S. White, the Rev. Dr. F. Hamilton, David C. Beatty and James E. Ramsey.

In response to appeals made to the natural science committee of the Normal College for instruction in various branches of science, Mrs. John I. Northrup, chairman of the committee, will give a series of talks on elementary botany, zoology and, perhaps, microscopology, in the alumni library from 4 to 5 p. m. on Mondays during March, April and May.

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## NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

## JERSEY CITY.

Charles Goebel, the alleged intelligence office swindler, arrested Monday, was arraigned before Police Justice O'Donnell yesterday. He said he knew nothing about the International Exchange except that he had been employed by a Mrs. Baldy to open an office in Jersey City, and make returns to her at No. 222 Broadway, New-York City. He says Mrs. Baldy also conducted a real estate business. Goebel seems to be an honest German, and the police think he has been used as a tool. He was remanded.

Luther and Lillian Terry, colored, were convicted in the General Sessions Court yesterday, of robbing a New-York City man, who was Mrs. Terry was employed as a domestic, of \$402 in cash, \$207 in checks and jewelry valued at \$200. They were sentenced to state prison at hard labor for five years each.

Seven cases of smallpox were discovered Monday night in the double tenement, No. 114 Coles-st. Six of the patients were removed to the pesthouse at Snake Hill. Five of them had light attacks and came down stairs smoking pipes and laughing. The seventh is convalescent. Yesterday every one living within a block of the house was vaccinated.

## NEWARK.

Peter Sherry, a veteran, belonging to the Soldiers Home, was found in a dying condition on the sidewalk on Eighteenth-ave, Monday night. He died in the hospital yesterday from the effects of exposure.

Vice-Chancellor Van Fleet yesterday granted an order which ends the litigation between the Central Trust Company, of New-York, and the Elizabeth Gas Company, which forced some time ago the Trust Company foreclosed a mortgage on the concern and Receiver Wickelund put in a claim for \$10,000 for services rendered during the foreclosure proceedings. The Vice-Chancellor yesterday granted \$7,000 to the Receiver.

Franklin Murphy, chairman of the New-Jersey Republican State Committee, and a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, has been elected to the church for the purchase of two stained glass windows for the church of exposure, given to the church a beautiful memorial window costing \$10,000.

## RAILWAY.

Almest White and his daughter, who are well known in Rahway, had a narrow escape from death yesterday while attempting to drive across the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad. A freight train had been started so that part of it could be shunted on a siding, and one section was within a few feet of the crossing. Mr. White attempted to drive between the two sections of the train. The horse took fright, and Mr. White was unable to control him. The animal dashed across the track and the sleigh was struck by the hind section of the freight train, which left behind a pile of wreckage. Mr. White and his daughter were sitting in the sleigh, and his daughter was slightly injured and had a narrow escape from death. The train ran away, but was stopped before any damage was done.

## ELIZABETH.

Sergeant John Becker, retired from Battery E, United States Army, and until recently at Leavenworth, Kan., committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting himself. He was fifty-one years old and unmarried.

## ORANGE.

The first of a series of entertainments for the benefit of the Orange Memorial Hospital was held at the home of the president of the board of managers, Mrs. Edward W. Ashby, on Monday afternoon. An entertainment paper entitled "The Florence of Bonanza" was read by Miss Adeline Wheeler, sister of New-York. A fine collection of photographs of Florence Ashby, during the hospital, was also shown. The affair was under the management of the sales committee of the hospital, of which Mrs. Charles Gillette is chairman.

## ERASMUS WILMAN WITHDRAWS.

NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH THE MERCANTILE AGENCY.

R. G. Dun & Co., the mercantile agency, of No. 314 Broadway, published a notice yesterday morning, dated February 20, 1893, that by mutual consent the connection of Erasmus Wilman with the business of that firm had ended. When seen last night at his home on Staten Island by a Tribune reporter, Mr. Wilman was not talking concerning his withdrawal.

To the question whether his connection with the mercantile agency had entirely ended, Mr. Wilman replied: "Yes, I shall have nothing further to do with it, as the notice of this morning says."

"Will the business go on just as before, or are there any changes in its general system contemplated?"

"The agency will continue. It's a good business."

"What led to the separation? I suppose you could not give that interest much time while you were engaged with other enterprises?"

"Well, yes, I have my hands full; but there is nothing in this to interest the public. It is a private business matter."

"Was the partnership, then, dissolved solely at your suggestion?"

"Well—Mr. Dun will attend to the agency and I have my own plans to keep me occupied."

"There is a report, Mr. Wilman, that your relations with Mr. Dun are somewhat strained. Would Mr. Dun, perhaps, have something to say on the subject?"

"Mr. Dun, I am sure, would be offended if questioned about the separation. Our relations are entirely friendly."

Mr. Dun was seen last night at his home, No. 261 Madison-ave., but responded to all inquiries as to the cause of the separation between himself and Mr. Wilman entirely and absolutely without any information. "It is a private matter entirely," said he, "in which the public has not the slightest interest."

Mr. Dun, the business manager of the agency, at No. 314 Broadway, said he had no further to say on the subject.

"Mr. Wilman had his private matters to attend to."

**A SUCCESSFUL WORKING GIRLS CLUB.**

The "Head, Heart and Hand," a working girls' club, connected with the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, at One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st., and Lenox-ave, gave an entertainment last night in the gymnasium room of the church.

The club was organized last year under the care of the women members of the church. Although it originated in that church, the association is entirely unsectarian. The work has been going on under the direction of Miss Louise Wilson and Miss Lizzie Wellington, assisted by the Misses Rice and Scholer, and Mrs. Richardson.

The audience last night was large and encouraged the club by its warm applause and appreciation. The programme included a chorus "The Heaven's Declare," by the whole club; a solo "Sweet Home," by Miss Helen Weinstadt; a dumb-bell drill, by a club; songs by Miss Ruth Rice and Miss C. Lee; a duet, by the Misses Bryant and Wellington; and a violin solo, by Miss M. E. Scott. George R. Bishop, a play, "A Frolics' Fiddler," was also given, in which Miss Thelma Pratt, Miss Annie Packer, Miss Lizzie Wellington, Miss M. E. Scott, Miss Florence R. S. and Miss Teresa Nevils and Miss Christine Rink part.

**SENTENCE OF MICHAEL T. SLINCY.**

The Court of Appeals, having passed upon the case of Michael T. Slinicy, convicted of the murder of Robert Lyons on November 21, 1890, Justice Ingraham, in the Court of Over and Term, yesterday sentenced the prisoner to be executed in the week beginning April 10. When the sentence was passed Slinicy seemed unmoved, and there was considerable "straggle" about the way in which he walked away from the bar. Later he was taken into another room, where his mother was waiting to see him. She threw her arms around his neck and cried bitterly. Slinicy soon pushed her away roughly and exclaimed petulantly:

"Oh, that'll do, mother; that'll do."

He seemed entirely unmoved by the feelings of his mother. Detective Jackson took him back to Sing Sing.

Before sentence was passed Mr. House objected to the proceedings on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction. Justice Ingraham overruled the point without argument by the District Attorney.

**MARINE INTELLIGENCE.**

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.** Sunrise, 6:10/893, 6:30/Moon sets 10:00/Moon's age 6

**HIGH WATER TO-DAY.** A.M.—Sandy Hook 6:41/Nov. Island 6:14/H.P.M.—Sandy Hook 6:41/Nov. Island 6:38/H

## INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.		
Vessel.	From.	Line.
Belleville	Glasgow, Feb 5	Anchorage
Belleville	Lisbon, Feb 5	Portugal
Belleville	London, Feb 5	Wilson
Belleville	Havana, Feb 10	N Y & Cuba
Belleville	Kinross, Feb 15	Atlantic
Belleville	Liverpool, Feb 11	White Star
Belleville	Antwerp, Feb 11	Red Star
Belleville	Glasgow, Feb 11	Atlantic-States
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23.		
Belleville	Bremen, Feb 14	N G Lloyd
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.		
Belleville	Southampton, Feb 17	Hamb.-Amer.
Belleville	Liverpool, Feb 15	White Star